

2019–2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

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. . .IN LOVE; FOR LOVE.

JOIN THE JOURNEY.



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CHRIST CHURCH IS
BRINGING GOD AND PEOPLE
TOGETHER TO KNOW
AND LIVE THE GOOD NEWS
OF JESUS CHRIST.

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That's who we are.

Like that of the first disciples, the modern Christian journey begins with a simple *call* by God. The

call comes in many forms: a yearning to know the fullness of God's love; a desire to live a kinder, simpler, gentler life; a prayer to find peace in an anxious world; the drive to impact our community and world for good.

Called out of the ordinary hustle of daily living, a life so easily focused on ourselves, we gather together as a Christian community to be *formed* in a new and profound way. Shaped as we have been over the years to live for own success or happiness, we open ourselves to a remarkable reformation in Christ, to live no longer simply for ourselves, but for God who first called us.

Yet, our formation is not an end, but only a beginning as well. Our new identity in Christ *sends* us into the world with a new heart for our neighbor and a new passion for the dispossessed, the lonely, and the suffering, wherever they may be.

In the pages that follow, I hope you will find a path for yourself — ways to hear again God's *call* to you; opportunities to be *formed* evermore into the unique Christ within you; all in preparation to be *sent* back to the world bearing God's love.

Father Drew

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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WELCOME FRIENDS!

We hope you'll consider making Christ Church your spiritual home.

While membership is not required to participate in the spiritual life and community of Christ Church, the Christ Church community is upheld and enlivened by the deep and lasting bonds among her members. Similarly, the richness of the Christian journey is found in the common journey of faith we share with one another throughout our lives. Therefore, we invite and encourage everyone who finds spiritual refreshment at Christ Church to become active and engaged members of the Christ Church community.

MEMBERSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

In Baptism we are revealed to be God's children and proclaimed members of the Household of God. In baptism, we begin our journey to grow in Christ.

Membership in a Christian community, commonly a "Church," is an essential aid in the journey. Together we commit to living as Christ's disciples, and only together can we fully understand and reveal the breadth of God's love and gifts to the world.

As members of Christ Church, we commit to this journey of discipleship and faith together. Active members of Christ Church commit to a pattern of regular corporate **worship** (that is, worship together) to praise God, to on-going **study** to shape our faith and life, and to **working, praying, and giving** for the spread of God's kingdom.

We encourage you to join us, to dive into the life of faith, and to experience the richness of life together in Christ.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

BECOME A MEMBER

ADULT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The foundation of membership in any Episcopal Church is an individual's baptism. In the Episcopal tradition we recognize the baptism of Christians through all other Christian denominations, from Roman Catholic to Russian Orthodox to Presbyterian and Baptist.

Adults who wish to explore baptism or to re-commit their lives to Christ are invited to participate in *The Catechumenate: Living the Baptized Life*, a 26-week program of formation and preparation for adults. These classes, which begin each fall and continue through the spring, are held on Sunday morning following the 9 am service. Please see the Adult Formation Section for more information about *The Catechumenate*.

Adult Baptism and Confirmation is held annually at Pentecost (May 31, 2020).

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

All baptized Christians who wish to join Christ Church as members need simply provide written confirmation of baptism (via letter or signed certificate) from another Christian church. If you are a baptized members of another church, please contact the Rector's office to inquire about transferring your membership. All new adult members are encouraged to take both the *Inquirer's Journey Class* and *The Catechumenate*.

INFANT AND CHILD BAPTISM

Infants through children in the 6th grade may be baptized at any one of our five Baptism services throughout the year. Infant and child baptism celebrates the great mystery of God's love for each us, and charges the child's Godparents and the community of Christ Church as a whole with the responsibility of helping your child grow into the full stature of Christ.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth in the 8th grade and above are invited and encouraged to explore the depth of their baptism as part of the Confirmation Program in order that they may make a mature, public affirmation of faith. Customarily, this affirmation is made in the presence of the Bishop who, through the laying on of hands, confirms them in faith. Preparation for Confirmation for our youth is offered through the Confirmation Class. Please see the section on Children, Youth, and Families for more information about the Confirmation class.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

NEWCOMERS' OPPORTUNITIES

INQUIRER'S JOURNEY RECEPTION

Fall: Sunday, September 22

Spring: Sunday, February 23

11:30 am to 1pm

Miller Hall

If you are new to Christ Church or simply want to re-acquaint yourself with the wonderful ministry going on all around, plan to join Fr. Drew and Jessica for a light reception following the morning activities. Connect to Christ Church at this welcoming event with clergy, staff, lay leaders, and other newcomers.

INQUIRER'S JOURNEY CLASSES

All Saints' Baptism: October 13, 20, 27

Baptism of Christ Baptism: December 1, 8, 15, 22

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Transfiguration Baptism: July 12, 19, 26, 2

10:10 – 11:00 am in Miller Hall

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WORSHIP

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*“Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”*
Psalm 141:2

The worship of God lies at the center of all that we do at Christ Church and forms the foundation of our Christian community. Saint Matthew, in fact, reminds us that, before setting out to fulfill the great commission, the first act of the disciples was worship itself.

Each week, each day even, we gather in prayer to offer our gratitude to God from whom all life proceeds. And it is from this great well of gratitude that our lives and ministries – our hospitality and fellowship, our service to the poor within our community, and our formation as Christians – collectively flow.

As a parish within the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, our worship is grounded in the rich liturgical heritage of *The Book of Common Prayer*, expressing a worship tradition rooted in two thousand years of Christian practice. Whether we gather for a formal Choral Eucharist sung by one of our liturgical choirs or the simple daily recitation of Morning or Evening Prayer in Saint Margaret's Chapel, the rhythm of daily worship underpins our life. We invite you to worship with us and experience what makes us who we are.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

It is our great joy to include children in our worship of God and we encourage our children join us at any service, just as they are. At our Family service (9am on Sunday mornings) children gather at the font during the Hymn of Praise for a blessing followed by Children's Chapel. During the celebration of the Holy Eucharist our children are invited to gather in the Chancel in order to better experience the celebration. During the service older children are invited to serve as Acolytes and Readers, or in one of our liturgical choirs.

If you prefer, our Nursery is also available on Sunday morning and during Evensong. Located on the 1st floor of the Education Wing, the nursery is a safe and inviting space for our youngest members. The trained staff is always eager to receive our children and to provide them engaging and loving care.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

Services are held in the Church Nave

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (said)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist and Family Service (sung with Choir)
Children's Chapel is offered during the 9 am services (See below for details).
- 3 pm Choral Evensong (sung with Choir)
Please note: On occasion, a Special Service or Concert will be held in place of Evensong (see Special Services)
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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Services held in Saint Margaret's Chapel Tuesday through Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 5 pm Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Wednesdays)
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CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 22 | 4:30 pm (Pre-service organ recital at 4 pm. Doors open at 3:45 pm.)

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE WITH CRÈCHE PROCESSION

Tuesday, December 24 | 4 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR

Tuesday, December 24 | 8 pm

A festival service in celebration of the nativity of Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR (INCENSE IS USED)

Tuesday, December 24 | 11 pm (Choral prelude begins at 10:30)

WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5 | 8 and 9 am

HOLY MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7 | 7 pm

HOLY WEDNESDAY: TENEBRAE

Wednesday, April 8 | 7 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY WITH STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (INCENSE IS USED)

Thursday, April 9 | 7 pm (The All Night Watch follows the service)

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 10 | noon and 7 pm

EASTER EVE: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER (INCENSE IS USED)

Saturday, April 11 | 7 pm

EASTER DAY: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 12 | 7 am, 9 am (with Brass), 11 am (with Brass and incense)

EASTER LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, April 26 | 3 pm

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday, May 21 | 7 pm

THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

Sunday, May 31 | 8 and 9 am

GUEST PREACHER FOR THE TRIDUUM

The Rt. Rev'd Chilton Knudsen, Assisting Bishop of Washington DC, joins us as our guest preacher for the Triduum (the "great three days") services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

WORSHIP

SPECIAL SERVICES IN 2019–2020

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

Sunday, November 3 | 3 pm

A service featuring M. Duruflé's *Requiem* is offered in remembrance of those who have died.

ADVENT PROCESSION

Sunday, December 1 | 3 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Advent of Our Lord.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 22 | 4:30 pm (Pre-service organ recital at 4 pm.)

A service of lessons and music celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. *Doors open at 3:45 pm.*

EPIPHANY PROCESSION

Sunday, January 5 | 3 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Manifestation of God through Jesus Christ.

EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

Sunday, February 2 | 3 pm

A Candlemas procession followed by a Solemn Holy Eucharist celebrating the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple.

EASTER LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, April 26 | 3 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 21 | 7 pm

Solemn Holy Eucharist celebrating the ascension of Jesus to heaven.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

ACOLYTES & VERGERS

Serving as an Acolyte is both an honor and service to God, enhancing the congregation's worship services. Acolytes at Christ Church begin their training and service any time after entering the third grade. Being involved in the Acolyte Corps gives participants an opportunity to participate in worship services, to connect with one another, and to experience a stronger sense of service to God and the church. Vergers assist the priest and lead the acolytes for the assigned service.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild helps to prepare for services by setting out the appropriate linens and vessels, wine, water, and wafers.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are confirmed parishioners who assist with the administration of Holy Communion.

FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild is responsible for all flowers in worship, arranging altar flowers weekly, and providing flowers for delivery to parishioners as part of an outreach ministry.

USHERS AND GREETERS GUILD

Whether welcoming visitors at our doors or providing direction and assistance during services, our greeters and ushers extend the hospitality of Christ Church to all who come.

LAY READERS

Lay Readers read the lessons and/or the Prayers of the People during services. Readers read approximately once every 2–3 months. All readers from upper elementary age are welcome to participate. Training is offered.

WORSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AND MAY 9
Acolytes and Readers
Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers

WORSHIP

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

BAPTISMS

The vows taken with the Baptismal Covenant commit us to live our faith in the world. And the festive celebration of Holy Baptism is one of the most joyful occasions for the entire Church. It is offered to church members of all ages. Holy Baptism is normally administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on Sunday. As the Book of Common Prayer suggests, we usually celebrate baptism on All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after All Saints' Day), on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the first Sunday after the Epiphany), at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, and on Sundays when the Bishop is present. We offer baptismal candidates and sponsors classes in preparation for this momentous commitment. Parents who wish to baptize children should be active members of this, or some other congregation, in order that they can carry out their promise.

Baptism Dates

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 9 am	Rehearsal: November 2, 10 am
The Baptism of our Lord, January 12, 9 am	Rehearsal: January 11, 10 am
The Great Vigil of Easter, April 11, 7 pm	Rehearsal: April 4, 10 am
The Feast of Pentecost, May 31, 9am	Rehearsal: May 30, 10 am
The Feast of the Transfiguration, August 9, 9am	Rehearsal: August 8, 10 am

Baptism Preparation Classes for Candidates & Sponsors (The Inquirer's Journey)

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WORSHIP

WEDDINGS

With the exchange of vows a couple begins a sacred journey, exploring the depth of human love as both the giver and the recipient. To help a couple make a joyful and meaningful beginning to their marriage, the Christ Church clergy, staff, and volunteers work as a team to assist couples and their families to ensure the joyful day. There is also a helpful presence provided by Christ Church Wedding Coordinators to assist with all the details of wedding preparation and to support a seamless ceremony.

FUNERALS

Clergy, support staff, and funeral ministry volunteers are here to assist families following the death of a loved one. A member of the Christ Church clergy will assist with the preparation of and officiate at funerals held here at Christ Church, while the funeral ministry team is available to greet and serve families and guests, and provide a simple reception for those who attend funeral services.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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“Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”
Psalm 143:8b

Christ Church is a place where children are loved and valued, and we strive to provide fertile ground for our children to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. Here at Christ Church we strive to create and develop an inclusive, intentional and fun community that help families grow closer with God and one another.

Every Sunday from September through May, the Church School offers a variety of regular classes and activities for children (through the 5th grade). Our dedicated staff and volunteers work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week.

CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

THE CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY

Sundays, 8 to 11 am; 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

The nursery is often your child's earliest experience of church and our goal at Christ Church is to make this experience as nurturing as possible. During your child's first years, he or she will learn that church is a safe and happy place where he or she is loved and his or her needs are met.

Our nursery is a cheerful, safe and welcoming environment for our very youngest members. Staffed by trained caregivers, we are committed to providing a safe, pleasant, and clean environment for our children. The nursery is a place where children are introduced to our Christian tradition through creative play, sharing, stories, and a whole lot of fun.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Toddlers through 3rd grade

Sundays, 9 am

Every Sunday our children are invited to continue their worship in an age appropriate and meaningful way at Children's Chapel. Following the Collect, children are escorted by chapel volunteers and youth shepherds to the Education wing for Children's Chapel, returning for the Peace.

GODLY PLAY

Pre-K through 1st Grade

September through May

Sundays: 10:10 – 11:10 am

Location: 2nd Floor Ed. Wing

Wednesdays: 6:30 – 8 pm

Location: Nursery

Children ages 3 through the 1st grade will be introduced to God's story through Godly Play, a practical and innovative approach to religious education that helps children develop spiritually by experiencing God in the midst of play. In Godly Play, we follow the shape of worship through a greeting at the threshold, gathering together, hearing the Word, wondering or making sense of the Word, personal response time, sharing a feast, and dismissal.

Manipulatives are used to tell these stories in an engaging and interactive way. In an uncluttered and unhurried setting, children can experience the stories of our faith in a new way.

ENRICHING THE SACRAMENTS

2nd and 3rd Grade

Sundays: September through May

10:10 to 11:10 am

Location: 2nd Floor Ed. Wing

We will cover a variety of topics such as the Twelve Apostles, how the Church began to grow, the Ten Commandments, the Book of Common Prayer, and the set-up of the Altar. This enrichment experience will transform our children's perception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion and help them to understand it better through story, interactive activities, and more. *Note: Your child does not have to complete this class to take Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.*

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

EXPLORING THE STORY

4th and 5th Grade

Sundays: September through May

10:10 to 11:10 am

Location: 2nd Floor Ed. Wing

Our 4th–5th Graders explores those the Bible stories which form the foundation of our faith through experiential, hands–on activities, art, science, games, and more.

EXPLORERS CLUB

2nd through 5th Grade

Wednesdays: September through May

Dinner: 6 pm

Class: 6:30 – 8 pm

Location: 2nd Floor Ed. Wing

2nd through 5th graders come together on Wednesday evenings for fellowship, play, and faithful learning as we explore the stories, saints, and practices of our faith.

CYF EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Advent Wreath Workshop

Sunday, December 1 | *following the 9 am service*

St. Nicholas Party

Friday, December 6 | *during the Parish Christmas Party*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25 | 6 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12 | *following the 9 am service*

Vacation Bible School

Summer 2020 | *location to be announced*

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

NEW THIS YEAR

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

BACK TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN

Saturday, September 21 | 9 – 12 noon

Children and Parents, 2nd through 5th Grade

Middle School Students can participate as Leaders in Training

Parents and children come together through workshop lead by Kid's Empowered to address anxiety, social challenges, and other important topics. Students will use team building activities to learn how to successful in social interactions. Parents will work with a facilitator to learn skills and tips for addressing the needs of school-age children.

GROWING UP 2020

March 7, 2020 | 9 – 12:30 pm

Children, 8 – 12 years old; Teens, 13 – 18 years old;

Adults and Professionals

This half-day summit will help equip children, parents, educators, and other youth caregivers with age- and role-appropriate tools to develop effective ways to manage stress, have healthy interactions with peers, become equipped to stand up for themselves (and others), and begin to feel empowered. Presented in partnership with Kids Empowered.

THE POWER OF ONE CAMP

Summer 2020

Children, 2nd through 5th Grade: \$160

Middle and High School Students can participate as Leaders in Training

2nd–5th grade students will learn to use their power to make a difference in the world. Campers will get a local and global view of the world on the issues of hunger, unclean water, homelessness, poverty, and animal rescue and will also do some hands-on activities including Miracle Boxes for Soldiers and Care Kits for the homeless. High School students are invited to volunteer to help run the camp. Offered in partnership with Kids Empowered.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Summer 2020

Please join us each summer as Christ Church Episcopal, First English Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran, in collaborative ministry, present Vacation Bible School. Each summer, we rotate to a new church. Vacation Bible School allows children to learn about Bible stories and experience God's love in fun, engaging ways.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH

“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity”

1 Timothy 4:12

Our youth have so much to offer with their unique skills and gifts. Our youth program at Christ Church is focused around fostering those skills and gifts by developing mature faith through relevant and authentic conversation, forming strong community, and servant leadership. We worship together on Sundays at 9 am and have opportunities to engage in service or fellowship during the Christian Formation Hour from 10:10–11 am.

On any given week, you will see youth singing in the choir, acolyting, doing readings, leading Children’s Chapel, and much more! Christ Church strives to offer something for everyone.

LIVING THE STORY

6th through 8th Grade

Sundays: September through May

10:10 to 11:10 am

Location: 2nd Floor Ed. Wing

Our 6th–8th graders will look at the lives of God’s saints, from Mary Magdalene to Martin Luther King, Jr., with an eye to the simple question: how might they live a more godly life themselves? Hands-on activities, discussions, and service will help to form young Christians in their journey.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade and above

Date and Time TBD

Confirmation is an opportunity for young teens to reaffirm the promises made for them at their baptisms. We will explore what we believe and why. Students are encouraged to question, discuss, serve, have fun, and build relationships with each other and with mentors.

ADULT FORMATION

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*“All of us . . . seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory into another.”*
2 Corinthians 3:18

The purpose of the Church is to make disciples, or followers, of Jesus. To be a follower of Jesus requires intentionality and a commitment to dive more deeply in the waters of baptism, that is the life of Christ. It is more than taking a course, or learning a set of ideas or doctrines. To be a disciple requires that we seek not simply knowledge but transformation.

It is our hope that these diverse opportunities for faith formation that follow will help to deepen your awareness of God's grace and presence in the world and within our own lives.

SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION FOR ADULTS

On Sunday morning, following the 9 am service, two courses are offered for adults. The Rector's Forum is offered as an opportunity to explore faith and live into our commitment to lifelong Christian Formation. The second offering, The Catechumenate, explores the sacrament and practices of how to follow Jesus. The Catechumenate is “ancient–future” method for people in a safe place to inquire, share their stories and ask their questions and come to faith and baptism or reaffirmation of baptism.

WEDNESDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wednesday evening programming serves as both a time of Christian Formation for all ages and a time to build social connections. Each Wednesday evening follows the following schedule:

5 – 5:20 pm	Evening Prayer
5:30 – 6 pm	Holy Eucharist
6 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 – 6:40 pm	Chapel Reflection and Prayer
6:45 – 8 pm	Course Time

ADULT FORMATION

THE CATECHUMENATE: LIVING THE BAPTIZED LIFE

Sunday mornings, (October through May)

10:10 – 11:15 am

Miller Hall

“Our souls are restless until we find our rest in thee”

St. Augustine of Hippo (Bishop and Theologian)

Do you want to live more like Jesus? Do you want to explore what it means to be baptized or to live the baptized life of Christ? Do you want to better understand the Christian life and faith we have inherited as Episcopalians here at Christ Church?

These and other foundational questions will be explored over the course of the program year with Fr. Drew and other participants in the Catechumenate.

At the heart of the Catechumenate lies our baptism in Christ, the moment in time when the fullness of God’s love is proclaimed to us and we, in turn, commit the fullness of our life to Christ.

Those wishing to be baptized, confirmed, or received into The Episcopal Church are particularly encouraged to join the catechumenate, as are those who want to explore again the meaning of their baptism and the foundational teachings of the Episcopal Church. Finally, this annual program sits at the heart of our community and forms the foundation of formation for adults. All are welcome to participate.

To learn more about the program, please speak with Fr. Drew at 313-885-4842 or rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org

ADULT FORMATION

THE EMMAUS JOURNEY

Wednesdays evenings (September through May)

6:45 – 8 pm

Undercroft

*“Were not our hearts burning within us,
... while he was opening the scriptures to us.”*

Luke 24:32

This year for the Emmaus Journey, I am hoping to enhance our time together by incorporating more spiritual reflection into our evenings. In accordance with this goal we shall be reading throughout the year from Martin Smith’s collections of brief essays titled *Compass and Stars*. This collection of short, informal pieces that are both theologically substantial and genuinely popular is aimed at helping us get our bearings in the life of the spirit today. These essays are intended to allow us to stand back and let the fresh winds of the Spirit blow through our lives and surprise us. The essay topics will range from the spirituality of shopping to social justice, discernment and channel surfing. Part of our time together will be to briefly review one essay each evening, then delve into the current series.

LENS OF LOVE: READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR OUR WORLD

Wednesdays, September 18 through November 20

6:30 to 8 pm

Chapel and Undercroft

Using our Bibles along side of Jonathan Walton’s recent book, *A Lens of Love*, participants will join Fr. Brownridge to explore and discuss how we read and interpret the Bible morally and confidently as we engage society’s pressing issues. Walton provides interpretive tools to help us understand the context of the Scriptures in order to engage the richness of the Bible as we strive to live in the world in a biblically grounded, theologically sound, and socially responsible way.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Walton, Dean of the School of Divinity at Wake Forest University, and former Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard University, explores how he grew to appreciate a new way of understanding the bible through an intergenerational bible study he organized. Dr. Walton suggests reading the Bible in its world for our world.

ADULT FORMATION

THE PROPHETIC IMAGINATION

Wednesdays, December 11 through February 19

6:30 to 8 pm

Chapel and Undercroft

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and more — theirs are among the most common voices we hear on Sunday. Yet, how they and the prophetic tradition fit within the ancient tradition of Moses and the radical movement of Jesus, may seem a bit unclear. Using Walter Bruggemann's classic, *The Prophetic Imagination*, Fr. Brownridge will lead us in an exploration of the prophetic tradition from its origins with Moses to the new creation underway in Jesus. Even more, we will explore the prophet's voice and call for today.

The Rev'd Dr. Walter Bruggemann is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the world's leading interpreter of the Old Testament and is the author of numerous books. Perhaps his most famous book is this classic *The Prophetic Imagination*.

BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY – SACRED GROUND

Wednesdays, March 4 through May 20

6:30 to 8 pm

Chapel and Undercroft

50 years ago, Dr. King introduced American society to his vision of the *Beloved Community*, a vision rooted firmly in the vision and mission of Jesus, of the Beloved Community. This remains a fundamental responsibility of both the individual Christian and the Christian community of today.

As part of this work our Presiding Bishop and his staff have created a 10-Part film-based dialogue series on race and faith. Together with Fr. Brownridge, we will work in small groups to examine chapters of America history in the context of the meta-narratives and story – telling about our own personal and family stories.

To compliment the study, we will also read *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

Additional details may be found at www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground.

ADULT FORMATION

THE RECTOR'S FORUM

Sunday mornings, (September through May)

10:10 – 11:10 am

Undercroft

The Rector's Forum is offered as an opportunity to explore faith and live into our commitment to lifelong Christian Formation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend so that we might deepen our relationship with God and one another.

SEPTEMBER

- 15 **RECTOR & ASSOCIATE TOWN HALL: LOOKING AHEAD TO NEW PROGRAM YEAR** – Join Fr. Drew and Fr. Walter to hear about all of our upcoming ministry opportunities for the coming year. From new programs for adults to our foundational programs for children and youth, we'll gather to hear about the coming year, answer questions about our programs, and invite your participation in our ministry and life together.
- 22 **REACHING OUT: A NEW VISION FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY — REBUILDING TOGETHER** – Join Fr. Drew, Lynette Iannace, and Blair Osborn to learn about the new direction we are taking in our ministry beyond 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd . . . and the new opportunities for service ahead. Of particular note will be our new service opportunity with Rebuilding Together.

NEW MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

OASIS MINISTRIES: REFRESH, REFLECT, REJOICE

First Wednesdays, October through May

6:45 to 8 pm

Location TBD

Are you tired for feeling stretched? Do you long for a different way of being, of being more human, with yourself or your family, or you neighbor? Come join our monthly women's and men's fellowship for a time apart to refresh your spirit, reflect on your life as a beloved Child of God in order to rekindle your joy. Women will gather with Paula Labadie and Cheryl Wesen to explore *Abundant Simplicity* by Jan Johnson, while the men will gather to discuss and reflect upon David Brook's latest book *The Second Mountain*.

ADULT FORMATION

- 29 **REACHING OUT: A NEW VISION FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY — CARSTENS LITERACY INITIATIVE** – We continue our discussion of the direction and opportunities in missional service beyond Christ Church. Today we will focus on the Carstens Literacy Initiative in which are founding partners with Hope Covenant Church, Hope House, and SOAR Detroit. Join us to learn about the SOAR Detroit Literacy Program which brings people together to help equip children so they can thrive. The Carstens Literacy Initiative will bring together over 50 volunteer mentors to help second graders at Carstens Elementary make significant literacy gains before they reach third grade.

OCTOBER

- 6 **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Bring Your Pets to Church! In the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, who believed that God’s love encompasses all creation, we invite “all creatures great and small” to this beloved family service. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, bird, turtle – all your family pets – to be blessed by the clergy. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will also be present with dogs seeking adoptive or foster homes. We will bless them in their search for a good home. After the service we will have treats and refreshments for people and pets, pony rides, petting zoo and time to learn more about the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. All are welcome to this fun family service!

First Series: The Little Books of Guidance

- 13 **HOW CAN ANYONE READ THE BIBLE?** – The Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Countryman is a preeminent Biblical scholar and prominent retired Episcopalian seminary professor. He provides a basic introduction for those with little knowledge about the Bible that aims to provide an easy point of entry into engagement with Scripture.
- 20 **WHY GO TO CHURCH?** – The Rev. Dr. Chuck Robertson knows the church from the inside and out. In an age where people increasingly spend their weekends anywhere but in a place of worship, it is important to ask why anyone should go to church. In *Why Go to Church?* Robertson addresses the top reasons for not attending and goes further to explore how church participation can enhance one’s life on so many levels.

ADULT FORMATION

Series 2: The study of the bible by using Anglican biblical theology to explore the Gospel of Matthew.

This coming Advent, we will return to Year A, which return to Matthew as the Gospel for the coming year. Matthew was perhaps the favorite Gospel of the early church and offers a careful account of Jesus' birth, mission, and passion.

Over the coming weeks we will seek to gain a greater understanding of Matthew's Gospel by exploring the theological themes and motifs that Matthew shares with his audience almost 2,000 years ago.

For those who wish to do supplemental or preparatory reading, we will use *Conversations with Scripture – The Gospel of Matthew* by the Rev'd Dr. John Yieh, Professor of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary.

- 27 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: A CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE** – Join us for this first, introductory session in our coming series exploring the Gospel of Saint Matthew. [Optional Reading assignment: Galatians 2:11–14; Acts 13:1–3; *Conversations with Scripture*, Introduction and Chapter 1]

NOVEMBER

- 3 **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AND PARISH RECEPTION** – On All Saints' Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the lives of loved ones and friends in faith who have entered into God's eternal embrace, and to welcome new members of the Christian Community into the Body of Christ through the Rite of Holy Baptism. Join us in this ancient and global celebration as we welcome into our community new members of Christ's Body. Following the service, all are invited to join us for a Parish Breakfast in the Undercroft to greet the newly baptized and their families.
- 10 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD** – In our ongoing series exploring the Gospel of Matthew we turn our attention to the identity of Jesus — the Christ, the Son of God. [Optional reading assignment: Matthew 11:1–1–15; 16:13–20; 21:1–11, 23–27; 27:32–37; Exodus 1:1–2:25 and 19:1–20:21; *Conversations with Scripture* Chapter 2]
- 17 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS** – This week we focus on specific teachings of Jesus, whose main point is to proclaim the Kingdom (Reign) of God, and to present a path to the Kingdom. The foundational tenet is righteousness, its' meaning and application. [Optional reading assignment: Matthew 5–7, 10, 13, 24–25; Acts 15, *Conversations with Scripture* Chapter 3]

ADULT FORMATION

- 24 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: JESUS' OPPONENTS** – This week will focus on the variety of persons and groups who might be perceived as enemies or opponents to Jesus, including the established religious leaders of the day. [Optional reading assignment: Matthew 2:1–18; 9:9–13; 14:1–2; 15:1–20; 16:1–12; 21:23–46; 23:1–36; Genesis 3:1–7; Isaiah 5:1–7; Luke 26:6–15; and *Conversations with Scripture* Chapter 4]

DECEMBER

- 1 **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP** – Advent is nearly here, which means it's time to make Advent wreaths and to begin our preparation for the in-breaking of God's love! We supply the greens, candles, punch, cookies, and music while you and your family create a centerpiece to take home in preparation for the Christmas Season.
- 8 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: JESUS' FOLLOWERS AND DISCIPLES** – In this week's forum we will discuss the first disciples such as Peter, Thomas, and Judas Iscariot, and explore the importance of the Great Commission. [Optional reading: Matthew 4:18–20; 14:22–17:27; 19: 13–30; 26:30–75; 26:1–27:9; 28:16–20; *Conversation with Scripture* Chapter 5]
- 15 **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: JESUS' CHURCH** – We continue this multi-part series with a look at the community to which Matthew wrote. Matthew's first readers were members of a particular faith community in Antioch in the late first century. This final chapter explores elements of this early church as they learned the story of Jesus and what does it teach us today. [Optional reading: Matthew 16:13–20; 18:1–35; 22:34–40; 25:31–46; 28:1–20. *Conversation with Scripture* Chapter 6.]
- 22 **THE FORUM RESUMES ON JANUARY 5TH.**
- 29 **THE FORUM RESUMES ON JANUARY 5TH.**

JANUARY

- 5 **DISCERNMENT: THE MINISTRY OF THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Each year, at the Annual Meeting of the Parish, active members of Christ Church elect a new class of members to the Vestry, a process led by our discernment team, that is, the Vestry Nominating Committee. Join us this morning as members of the Vestry Nominating Committee Team share and reflect on the process we undertook and present the fruits of their discernment work.

ADULT FORMATION

- 12 BAPTISM SUNDAY AND PARISH BREAKFAST** – We celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord with baptisms of our own as we welcome as new members of Christ’s Body here at Christ Church. Following the service, all are invited to join us for a Parish Breakfast in the Undercroft.
- 19 MLK SUNDAY** – Check back for a special program to deepen our understanding of and commitment to the teaching and vision of The Rev’d Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 26 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held for the election of Vestry Members, consideration of a temporary amendment to the bylaws, the presentation of the Parish Annual Report, financial statements, and additional church business. Please enjoy a lunch following the meeting in the Undercroft.

FEBRUARY

- 2 FIRST THINGS: GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY** – So often, when thinking of our “pledge,” our annual financial commitment to the Church, we think of the mundane responsibilities of any institution: repairs and salaries and everyday bills. And yet, such things are neither the foundation nor the purpose of Christian giving. Instead, we are invited in Christ to give first as *reflection* of our personal gratitude to God with the sole hope that our life – our doing and giving – will come to reflect the very generosity of God to us. Join Fr. Drew, the Wardens, and other members of Christ Church for this conversation and exploration of Gratitude and Generosity as the foundation of our Christian life *and* annual pledge.

Series 3: What is Anglicanism?

An Intrinsic and Comparative Approach

As our Presiding Bishop has said, we are “the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.” This is to remind us that our primary focus should be to become disciples of Jesus. Yet, the Episcopal branch element of his statement is not insignificant. This series is intended to remind or introduce us to what it means to be an Episcopalian and (globally) an Anglican. In twelve sessions, we will discuss various aspects of Christian belief and practice, and explore how Anglicans approach Christianity.

For supplemental reading, participants are invited to read *What is Anglicanism?* by the late Very Rev. Urban T. Holmes, PhD.

- 9 WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – THE ANGLICAN CONSCIOUSNESS** – Today we explore the foundations of the Anglican Consciousness. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 1]

ADULT FORMATION

- 16 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH** – Who are we called to be? What are we to teach as a Christian community? What is the mind of Christ for our community or our world today? These and many more, are profound questions for any Christian community. Yet, behind them all stands another fundamental question: who has what authority in the Church? We continue our multi-part series on Anglicanism, exploring today the various structures of authority in the Church. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 2]
- 23 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – THE BIBLE** – From the “plain language of the text” to progressive interpretations of scripture today, studying the bible today can be a confusing task. So, how do Anglicans use and study the Bible? Join us to continue our exploration of Anglicanism. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 3]

MARCH

- 1 **FIRST THINGS: GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY** – For what are you grateful? How have gratitude and generosity shaped (or re-shaped) your life? Join fellow members of Christ Church to explore the impact of gratitude and generosity on your lives.
- 8 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – THE INCARNATION** – Alongside the Cross and the empty tomb, the Incarnation is the single most significant elements of the human-divine story. So, what is the incarnation and why is it so important to our faith? [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 4]
- 15 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS** – At the center of our common life lie the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. In today’s continuation of our series “What is Anglicanis?” we explore our common life in the Church, the Sacraments we share, and the nature of the sacramental life we live. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 5]
- 22 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – THE LITURGY** – Why do we do what we do when we do it in worship? In other words, how do Anglicans understand Liturgy, what does it mean, and why is it so important to our church? Join us today for our discussion of Anglican Liturgy. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 6]
- 29 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – THE EPISCOPACY** – Mitres, croziers, and other odd things – what does the Episcopacy mean and represent for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion? Join us for our ongoing conversation and discussion of *What is Anglicanism?* [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 7]

ADULT FORMATION

APRIL

- 5 **PALM CROSS WORKSHOP** – All ages are invited to join us for an intergenerational morning of fellowship as we learn to make Palm Crosses from our Palm Sunday palms fronds. Join us for this fun start Holy Week!
- 12 **EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION** – It's Easter and that means that it's time to celebrate! Join us on the East Lawn following the 9:00 a.m. service (or before the 11:15 am service!) for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and other fun and games for our kids, and refreshments for all adults
- 19 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – PASTORAL CARE & SPIRITUALITY** – Join us today as we continue our multi-part series on Anglicanism. Today we will discuss the importance of pastoral care within our tradition and the practical spirituality of Anglicans through the ages. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 8 and 9]
- 26 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – MISSION & CHURCH & STATE** – What is our purpose? We speak of this often as individual, and even as a local community. What is the mission of the Church and how do we relate the broad society, the State, in which we live? Join us to continue to explore the question: “What is Anglicanism?” [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 10 and 11]

MAY

- 3 **WHAT IS ANGLICANISM? – PROPHETIC WITNESS** – The separation of Church and State is ingrained in our American psyche. And yet, the Church is call, it would seem, to speak to, to bless and the challenge, our modern society. Join us for this final part to our series *What is Anglicanism?* to explore and discuss the “Prophetic Witness” as it is understood within the Anglican tradition. [Optional reading: *What is Anglicanism?* Chapter 12]
- 10 **CONVERSATIONS WITH THE RECTOR** – As summer approaches join Fr. Drew for this informal conversation about Christ Church.
- 17 **RECOGNITION SUNDAY AND PARISH BREAKFAST** – Join us this special Sunday as recognize the completion of our formation programs for all ages. Members from the Catechumenate and adult formation programs will preach. Following the service we will offer a Parish Breakfast as we turn our attention to summer.

THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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How open are you to becoming more intentional about your spiritual vitality? To prospering in your relationships? To gaining confidence in recognizing God's voice within your heart? To discovering the vitalizing energies of nature? To sharpening your ear and eye for what God's Spirit is saying and doing in you and in the world around you?

Questions like these can be life changing.

The mission of CCSC is to help members of Christ Church and of the larger metro-Detroit community to gain wisdom and to discover practices that nurture personal growth. We draw on a wealth of skilled practitioners to offer retreats, workshops, and other events to engage participants at every level of being: heart and soul; mind, body, and spirit. The atmosphere is always welcoming and respectful, reflective and yet joyful.

THE CHRIST CHURCH SPIRITUALITY CENTER 2019 – 2020 CALENDAR

PRH: AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

*September 11,
6:30 – 8 pm*

An interactive information session about PRH Formation for personal growth.

PRH WORKSHOP: IDENTITY AND GROWTH, PART I

*October 4 – 6; Friday, 6 – 9 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm; Sunday, 1 – 7 pm:
\$175 Individual; \$300 Couple*

Ground Zero for Identity and Growth: The Inner Life of Being

PRH ONLINE: IDENTITY AND GROWTH, PART I

*Dates & Times TBD; 6 weekly 2.5 hour interactive Zoom Conferences:
\$175 Individual; \$300 Couple*

Ground Zero for Identity and Growth: The Inner Life of Being

ENNEAGRAM BASICS, PART I OF 3: DEEPENING SELF-UNDERSTANDING

Wednesdays, September 18 to October 9, 4:30 – 6 pm: \$75 plus the cost of the book

An introduction to the Enneagram as a tool of spiritual growth

THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

SPIRITUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE

NEW THIS YEAR

Tuesdays, September 24 to October 29, 7:25 – 8:25 am:

\$75 plus the cost of the book

Group exploration of congruent ways to integrate, not compartmentalize, one's spirituality

PRH WORSHIP: IDENTITY AND GROWTH, PART 2

January 10 – 12; Friday, 6 – 9 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm; Sunday 1 – 7 pm:

\$175

Part 2 moves from self-discovery exercises in identity to exercises in relationships and growth.

PRH ONLINE: IDENTITY AND GROWTH, PART 2

6 weekly 2.5 hour interactive Zoom Conferences:

Dates & Times TBD

\$175 Individual; \$300 Couple

Part 2 moves from self-discovery exercises in identity to exercises in relationships and growth.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES

Wednesdays, January 15 to March 18, 4:30 – 6 pm:

\$75 Individual

Overview and practice of seven widely accepted practices for these challenging times.

ENNEAGRAM BASICS, PART 2 OF 3: RELATIONSHIP DYNAMICS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dates & Times TBD

\$75 Individual

Exploration of how my style(s) and those of others impact relationships at a deeper level.

ENNEAGRAM BASICS, PART 3 OF 3: GOD, ME, AND THE ENNEAGRAM

Dates & Times TBD

\$75 plus the cost of an additional book

Exploration of the recent, profound contributions to understanding our spiritual life and our Soul with the Enneagram.

Budget or cost concerns? Contact Fr. Spann directly to discuss scholarship or payment arrangements.

MUSIC

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MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

Music is at the heart of our Christ Church community and is one of the primary ways in which we worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. With an annual repertoire of over 250 anthems and motets, the Christ Church Choirs offer a beauty and depth to our worship that is unique not only in Grosse Pointe, but throughout metro-Detroit.

In addition to our commitment to offer music at the highest standard for the praise of God, the Christ Church choir program seeks to provide excellence in musical education for choir members, including music theory and performance, while supporting the overall spiritual and personal development of each chorister.

NOVICE PROGRAM

Tuesdays, 4 to 4:30 pm
Wednesdays, 4 to 4:30 pm
November through May

The novice program is the preparatory program for aspiring choristers. Novice choristers learn the basics of music theory, vocal production, and sight-reading. Even if a novice chooses not to become a chorister or is not successful in being admitted to the full choir, they will benefit from the experience and knowledge gained by being a novice.

Parents of boys and girls with an aptitude and enthusiasm for music are encouraged to speak directly with the Director of Music as their child approaches his or her eighth birthday until his or her tenth birthday.

BOYS & GIRLS CHOIR

Wednesdays, 5 to 6 pm
Fridays, 4:15 to 5:15 pm

The choir consists of boys and girls who have completed the novice program, and professional singers who sing alto, tenor, and bass to complete the traditional choral sound. All our boy and girl choristers excel at musical performance, learning to read music, and perform at a level well beyond their peers in age.

MUSIC

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOLA

Thursdays, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Schola is made up of select girls and boys in 9th–12th grade and professional singers from Grosse Pointe and the surrounding area. As an advanced choir for senior girls and boys, the Schola affords choristers an opportunity for musical excellence and performance unique in Detroit. With a repertoire that includes over 250 anthems and motets spanning seven centuries and ranging from plainsong chant to 21st-century compositions, the Christ Church Schola is among the finest choirs in Detroit and the Midwest.

CHRIST CHURCH CHORALE

Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 pm

The Christ Church Chorale is a community oratorio society of volunteer adults offering concerts each year. Performing with an orchestra, the Christ Church Chorale is known for its excellence in presentations of the great choral/orchestral masterworks. Recent performances have included Bach's *Mass in B minor*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, and Haydn's *The Seasons*.

CHOIR TOURS

Our choirs frequently travel nationally and internationally. These tours provide our choristers opportunities to build and deepen friendship, celebrate the excellence and success of their work throughout the past year, expand their horizons as they experience new communities and cultures, and deepen their experience and understanding of their spiritual lives. Past tours have included England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, Spain, and Australia. The next tour will travel to Germany in 2020.

MUSIC EDUCATION

In addition to the training received in rehearsals, each chorister is provided music theory instruction and has the opportunity to study individual voice with professional musicians from the greater Detroit area. Voice lessons are invaluable not only from the point of view of developing technique, but also for managing the substantial work load placed upon young voices.

MUSIC

THE 2019–2020 CONCERTS

*There will be a pre-concert lecture before each Concert at 1:30 pm
hosted by Scott Hanoian.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 | 3 PM

OKTOBERFEST: CHORAL MASTERPIECES FROM GERMANY

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AT 2 PM

Christ Church Schola

Freewill Offering

In our first concert of the season, the Christ Church Schola will celebrate the rich musical heritage of Germany, whose music has spanned over 800 years. Highlights include the chant of Hildegard von Bingen, the intricate counterpoint of Bach, the Romantic harmonies of Brahms and Mendelssohn, and much more. Join us on this musical tour of Germany.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 | 3 PM

DONA NOBIS PACEM | RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

REQUIEM DA CAMERA | GERALD FINZI

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AT 2 PM

Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra

Tickets: \$25

Join the Christ Church Chorale in their performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem*, a cantata written in 1936 when England was slowly awakening to the possibility of a second European conflict. Vaughan Williams sets three poems of Walt Whitman amongst other texts in this heart-wrenching plea for peace. The concert also features Gerald Finzi's achingly beautiful *Requiem da Camera*, written for his composition teacher who was killed at the end of the First World War.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 | 3 PM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AT 2 PM

Christ Church Choirs and Orchestra

Tickets \$25

NEW THIS YEAR

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season in this festive afternoon of traditional favorites and choral masterpieces. This year's concert features selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*. The audience will be invited to join and sing some favorite Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus.

MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 | 3 PM
STABAT MATER | FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN
PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AT 2 PM
Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra
Tickets: \$20

Begin the journey of Holy Week with a performance of Haydn's *Stabat Mater*, a setting of the 13th century Christian hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Portraying the suffering of Mary during the crucifixion of Jesus, Haydn brings the text to life through his colorful use of the chorus and orchestra. Often considered his most beloved sacred work, Haydn masterfully captures the grief, despair, pain, fear, and hope of a mother witnessing the death of her son.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 | 3 PM
RESURRECTION LIGHT
SUNRISE MASS – OLA GJEILO | LUX: THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH – DAN FORREST
PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AT 2 PM
Combined Choirs and Orchestra
Tickets: \$20

Join all of the Christ Church Choirs in the final concert of the season celebrating the light of the Resurrection. This concert features Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass* and American composer, Dan Forrest's *Lux: The Dawn from on High*. These two 21st-century masterpieces explore the spiritual facets of light, from the rising of the sun to the promise of a radiant future.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020 | 7 PM
BON VOYAGE CONCERT
Christ Church Choirs
Freewill offering

Spend a summer evening with the Christ Church Choirs as they sing music from their upcoming pilgrimage to Germany. As they prepare to offer concerts and services in Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, and Munich, hear the choir sing some of their favorite music spanning several centuries.

PARISH LIFE

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“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

Some appreciate the anonymity of a large parish when they first attend, however, at some point most look forward to connecting with others sharing the same journey. At Christ Church, we gather all the time: to meet and make new friends, deepen old bonds, to learn and to pray, to help and encourage, and to serve. Being a living community means caring for one another as well, especially in times of transitions and need. Consequently, we often find ourselves reaching out to one another — to old friends and to new friends within our wide embrace — as a visible sign of God’s love and our community’s care.

Whether you’re an expert at navigating Coffee Hour or don’t know what a “Nave” is, when you are ready to become involved, there is a community here for you. We are better together!

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wednesdays, September 11 through May 13

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and formation to nourish your soul and deepen your faith. The evening begins with Holy Eucharist and a community dinner (free, donations appreciated) and conclude with formation for all ages ending at 8 to be mindful of parents and little ones. (The nursery is available for children under 8 from 4 – 8 pm in the Nursery Room.

Wednesday evenings will follow this pattern:

5 — 5:20 pm	Evening Prayer
5:30 — 6 pm	Holy Eucharist
6 — 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 — 6:40 pm	Chapel Reflection and Prayer
6:45 — 8 pm	Course Time

PARISH LIFE

CIRCLE GROUPS: FORMING BONDS OF AFFECTION

On going

Christ Church is large, wonderfully large! At times, however, Christ Church can be too large. So large, in fact, that connecting with one another can be difficult. Circle Groups help form and deepen the bonds of affection that we share, not just with our friends, but across our broad community. Member families are (randomly) assigned to a Circle Group, each of which offers unique opportunities to for fellowship and care.

2019–2020 Circle Group Calendar

October 6 — November 16	Harvest Home Suppers
March — May	Lenten and Easter House Mass
June 1 — August 30	Picnics in the Park

FOYER GROUPS

Groups form in October

Strictly Social, Strictly Fun. Fellowship at Christ Church doesn't have to be goal-driven and serious all the time.

The informal yet regular social gatherings of Foyer Groups provide an easy way for parishioners to enjoy one another's company, strengthen bonds of community, meet new members, and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in Christ, but with whom we might not otherwise interact. Participants develop new friendships and deepen old ones, and often find our sometimes-too-large-seeming parish feel smaller and warmer. There is no agenda or plan, just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. You'll meet in a location of your choice for dinner once every month or so. Foyer Groups stay together for six months and have a group captain to help determine when the group gathers. Singles are welcome, as are those with no dining rooms.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

2nd Sundays, 2 pm

The Daughters of the King (DOK) is a religious order for women committed to prayer, service and evangelism, especially among women, and the strengthening of the spiritual life of our parish. Christ Church members meet monthly for fellowship and prayer, and commit to daily prayer and ongoing faith formation.

PARISH LIFE

PARISH EVENTS

FALL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 8, following the 9 am service

We begin the new program year with a festival Eucharist as the Choir returns and continue with a BBQ and games on the front lawn. Join us to celebrate and kick-off the new program year, to learn about new ministries, and to reconnect with friends.

FALL TEA

Thursday, September 26, 3 to 5 pm at the Rectory

New friends and old friends come together every fall for a traditional afternoon tea filled with English tea, cookies, tea sandwiches, and good fellowship at the Rectory.

HARVEST HOME SUPPERS (PART OF CIRCLE GROUPS)

October 6 — November 16

As Fall settles in, parishioners open their homes for a simple pot-luck supper as a way to connect with new and old friends alike.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY | GIFTS AND GREENS SILENT AUCTION

Friday, December 6

Every year Christ Church comes together for the annual Christ Church Christmas Party to celebrate Christmas as a community of friends, new and old. If you're in need of a special gift, don't worry – the Gifts and Greens Silent (and not so silent!) Auction is this night, the entire proceeds of which support the excellent ministry of City Year Detroit. Guests are encouraged!

LENTEN AND EASTER HOUSE MASSES (PART OF CIRCLE GROUPS)

March — May

Easter is more than a day, so why not join fellow Christ Church members to celebrate Easter in a more intimate setting. Easter House Masses begin with Holy Eucharist followed by a potluck dinner. Registration begins in March.

PARISH LIFE

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31, following the 9 am service

What better way to celebrate Pentecost than with Strawberry Shortcake? Members and friends alike gather on the front lawn following the 9 am service on Pentecost for a lively time of fellowship and sweet strawberry shortcake.

SUMMER BBQs

*June 24, July 22, and August 26 on the Front Lawn!
6–8 pm*

Gather for Food and Fun! Games on the front lawn, hang out with cool CCGP People! Bring a dish or dessert and a friend and SHARE THE LOVE! Freewill offering.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

At times, we need a companion to pray with us and support us in faith as we encounter the struggles of human life. From hospital rooms to bedsides to kitchen tables and altar rails, our Pastoral Care Ministries provide prayerful, spiritual support in times of difficulty and need.

PASTORAL CARE AND THE PRIEST ON CALL

At all times, a priest of Christ Church is available to provide counsel and support when an emergency, such as a death or critical incident, occurs. **To reach the priest-on-call, call 313-885-4841 and select Option 4.**

In non-emergency situations, the clergy are available for one-to-one counseling and prayer. Our clergy team also keeps a weekly visitation schedule in the hopes of visiting hospitalized and home-bound members regularly.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors are trained volunteers who extend the embrace of God and the Christ Church community by offering the Eucharistic, consecrated Bread and Wine, to the home- or hospital-bound. Preparation for this sacred ministry is offered annually.

PARISH LIFE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

Our Intercessory Prayer Team is comprised of women and men who have a heart to pray and intercede for others who are in need. Intercessory prayer is offered in Saint Margaret's Chapel at the 9 am service during the administration of communion. Intercessory Prayer Team members commit to a practice of daily prayer and gather monthly for ministry support and corporate prayer.

TAKE-A-MEAL MINISTRY

Difficulty comes to all of us. Perhaps its a new and daunting illness, or a death in the family, or may a new baby. Regardless, when life is upturned, a simple meal can be a great relief. The Take-a-Meal ministry is just that: individuals prepare a home cooked meal and deliver it to a member when things are tough.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Funeral Ministry teams assist families in their time of need, serve as greeters to families and friends who come for a funeral, and plan and staff light receptions when requested. Teams are overseen by a Funeral Captain who leads a team of volunteers for the day. Team members commit to a two hour service slot when funerals are scheduled.

CANCER CONNECT

The purpose of Cancer Connect is to be a spiritual resource for all of those touched by cancer, including those who currently have cancer, those who have survived cancer, those who have lost loved ones to cancer and all family and friends. Come meet with others who have been touched by cancer.

SERVICE

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*“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
Matthew 25:35*

It is not enough to learn of God’s love for us; we must become doers as well. As disciples of Christ, as the very body of Christ in the world, we are called to make God’s love known in the world, in the circles of our community here at Christ Church and beyond.

To help make this possible, we provide ministry opportunities that support and strengthen our life together in Christ and extend Christ’s love into the world beyond “CCGP.”

SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

All members of Christ Church are encouraged to be engaged in at least one ministry to support the life of our community. There are too many ministries to describe in full, but here’s a starting list. If you are interested in participating in any ministry, simply speak with the senior staff member responsible for that ministry.

WORSHIP	FORMATION	PARISH LIFE	SERVICE
Acolytes	Daughters of the King	Bakers*	Adopt-a-Garden
Altar Guild	Teachers, Mentors,	Circle Shepherds	Crew*
Eucharistic Ministers	and Leaders	Intercessory Prayer	Crossroads
Flower Guild	Pizza Lunch	Funeral Min Team*	Holy Dusters*
Readers	Guild of the Christ	Funeral Captains	Receptionist
Verger	Child	Take-a-Meal*	Shelter Week
		Ushers Greeters	Summer Starters
		Wedding Coord.	Tellers
		Eucharist Visitors	

** “When you can” ministries . . . ministries that do not require a commitment. Instead, available volunteers simply sign up when an invitation to serve is posted.**

SERVICE

“WHEN YOU CAN” OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

While most ministries require formal commitments and regular schedules, “when you can” ministries have no commitment requirement. Instead, volunteers sign up when their calendar permits and they are able to serve. You may sign up to receive direct notice of a service opportunity, or simply reply when an invitation comes your way.

CHRIST CHURCH BAKERS

Do you like baking? Cookies, brownies, casseroles, entrées, hot dishes? Consider joining the Christ Church Bakers. The Bakers provide a variety of baked goods for funerals, parish gatherings, and families in pastoral need.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

The Funeral Ministry volunteers serve as Greeters, Ushers, and Reception Hosts for all funerals at Christ Church. Volunteers are asked to commit to a two hour service slot when funerals are scheduled.

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THE CHRIST CHURCH CREW

Are you available to help behind the scenes inside and out to make events and holidays go smoothly? Consider joining the Christ Church Crew. The Crew helps around the facility working behind the scenes to move and clean for special events or major holidays.

HOLY DUSTERS

Like the Crew, Holy Dusters work behind the scenes. We usually gather two or three times a year to dust and clean the nave, polish silver, and generally make things pretty.

DRIVERS

Are you able to assist driving persons to & from church? To & from doctor’s appointments? Many in our community need assistance getting around town – to church, to appointments, etc.

SERVICE

SERVICE BEYOND CHRIST CHURCH

CROSSROADS OF MICHIGAN

Sundays, November 10, Early February, late April

First Shift: 7:30 to 10:30 am

Second Shift: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

The first Sunday “Soup Kitchen” in Detroit, Crossroads of Michigan has long been a recipient of our care and attention. 3 Sundays a year, 35–50 Christ Church Volunteers gather (in two shifts) to prepare and serve the Crossroads meal. No experience necessary!

SHELTER WEEK MEAL PREPARATION

Saturday, November 2

In collaboration with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, we provide dinner for their Shelter Week guests. A Christ Church volunteer team gathers to prepare the meal at Christ Church and deliver and serve the meal at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

SUMMER STARTERS

Sundays, Mid-June through August, following the 9 am Service

Every year countless Detroit children start their summer days hungry. Throughout the summer when children who rely on school breakfast programs often go without, Christ Church volunteers gather to make difference.

- **Preparation (Fridays, 1 hr):** Organize supplies for Sunday.
- **Assemble (Sundays, 30 min):** After the 9am service, volunteers gather to fill breakfast bags each containing seven shelf-stable breakfast meals for children participating in Crossroads’ Summer Lunch program.
- **Deliver (Sundays, 2 hrs):** Drivers with a van or truck are invited to deliver the “Summer Starters” to Crossroads on Sunday after they are assembled.

We invite you to join us any Sunday this summer to make a difference and help others know the good news of Jesus Christ.

SERVICE

LOAVES & FISHES

NEW THIS YEAR

Sundays in July

During the summer, many emergency food pantries suffer neglect and run short on supplies. In the weeks leading up to the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 (the story of the loaves and fishes), member of the community are invited to take a grocery bag and shopping list to buy essential items for the Crossroads of Michigan Emergency Food Pantry. On the Sunday we read of Jesus feeding the 5,000, bring your full grocery bag to church.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

NEW THIS YEAR

September 28 & October 19

Jefferson-Chalmers Neighborhood

Join Christ Church for a hands-on service project in conjunction with Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan (the recipient of the 2019 Easter Appeal). On Saturday, September 28 and again on October 19, our team of volunteers will rehabilitate homes in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood.

CARSTENS LITERACY INITIATIVE

NEW THIS YEAR

October through May

Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10 am to noon

It's all about 2nd grade readers. In partnership with SOAR Detroit, Hope Covenant Church, and Hope House, CCGP volunteers will serve as weekly reading mentors to a 2nd grade student at Carstens Elementary School. Of the 50 anticipated 2nd graders at Carstens, only 2 are currently reading at the 2nd grade level. Through the year, volunteers will work with an individual student to improve her/his writing, vocabulary, and reading skills with the goal to help the student to be "on level" by year's end.

Program support, training, and structure will be provided SOAR Detroit which provides prescription-based lesson plan prepared by a reading specialist. Volunteer mentors are trained in delivering the prepared lesson plans and are given continued support from SOAR reading specialists throughout the mentoring process.

GIVING

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*“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver”
2 Corinthians 9:7*

Since the earliest days of the Christian community, followers of the way of Jesus have understood that they were on a journey, not only a journey through life, but a life-long journey characterized by the very life of Jesus. As we journey to the heart of Christ, we work to live life as he did. We hope you are called to participate even more fully in the inexhaustible generosity of Christ who shared every gift he possessed – his peace, his wisdom, his mercy and forgiveness, his bread and his wine, his dying breath – with the women and men he encountered . . . friends, strangers, loved ones, even enemies.

As a Christian we show our generosity in multiple ways. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your Journey to Generosity and reflect on the following ways to give financially to the Church and beyond.

PLEDGING (AKA AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING)

Pledging members are the primary support for Christ Church. Yet, we teach pledging not to raise money, but as a spiritual discipline as Christians. When we make a financial gift or pledge as an expression of our gratitude in faith, pledging becomes much more than simple fundraising. As a spiritual practice, pledging expresses our gratitude to God for God’s abundant love, reshapes our relationship with money and wealth as tools for God’s mercy and grace, and resets our relationship to money from one of need to one of utility. Pledges that financially challenge us remind us that money and the things it makes possible are not the purpose of our life, happiness, or peace, and remind us that all of our life is an opportunity to expression our gratitude to God and love for our neighbor. In fact, the act of generous, sacrificial, extravagant giving for the love of another and the building up of God’s kingdom, is at the heart of Christian discipleship and the very purpose of teaching gratitude and generosity.

At Christ Church, all members are encouraged to make a sacrificial pledge of a tithe (10% of their personal or household income) to support the ministry of God through Christ Church. If a tithe seems too daunting at first, we encourage you to make a 5-year commitment to reach a tithe, gently increasing your annual giving by 2% of your income.

No doubt, such a gift is challenging. Yet, pledges that do not challenge us do not transform us. And that is our purpose, to be transformed for Christ.

GIVING

SPECIAL APPEALS

On occasion we are called upon to respond to an urgent need in the world, or to support a local ministry of service and care. These special appeals are invitations for us to extend the love of Christ to our sisters and brothers within the Detroit community and across the nation. We encourage members to respond with a gift equal to one day's income — as if we were to give one day of our life for those in need.

Common Special Appeals include:

- Hurricane or Disaster Relief
- Gifts and Greens Appeal
- Christmas Appeal
- Easter Appeal
- Crossroads Sunday | Ask of the Month

FUNDRAISING AND RESTRICTED GIVING

Fundraising provides friends and visitors of Christ Church a way to support those aspects of our life and ministry that bring them joy and satisfaction. Members wishing to support a particular ministry or program are encouraged to do so after they have reached a tithe in their annual pledge.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS | FLOWER MEMORIALS

When joy comes, give thanks! In fact, this is the original purpose of the offering plate, to provide a means to make a “thank offering” to God. When there is something to celebrate, a birthday or an anniversary, or someone dear to remember, make a Thanksgiving Offering or Flower Memorial (\$75 recommended). The flowers on the Sunday nearest to your celebration will be offered in your name.

LEGACY GIVING

Even in death, God comes to us. Let us, in death, make a gift to God. Legacy gifts may be made to any of the Christ Church Endowment Funds as a means of sustaining your pledge for the generation to come. Legacy gifts come in all forms including cash and stock transfers, insurance policies and 401(k) beneficiaries, real estate transfers, and more. All gifts help to assure the future of Christ Church.

Becoming a member of the Christ Church Planned Giving Society is simple. Notify the church that you have included a gift in your will or estate plan and indicate whether you want your name to be published as a society member or prefer to remain anonymous.

GIVING

THE CHRIST CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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An annual draw (4%) supports the ministry and operations of Christ Church.

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

An annual draw (4%) is available for capital repairs and improvements to Christ Church.

THE CHRIST CHURCH ENDOWMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An annual draw (4%) supports the Christian Education ministry.

THE CHRIST CHURCH ENDOWMENT FOR OUTREACH

An annual draw (4%) supports Christ Church Outreach ministries.

THE DEHAVEN ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC

An annual draw (4%) supports the Christ Church Music Program.

THE SWEENEY LECTURE FUND FOR CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

An annual draw (4%) supports the Sweeney Lecture Series when scheduled.

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